

THE RENTZ BIG MILL MEANS MUCH FOR FORT MCCOY

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Just a few days more, so say the builders, and the big E. P. Rentz mill will raise steam in the six large boilers they have recently installed with all the latest improvements. Seventy-five to one hundred thousand feet per day is said to be the capacity of this mill, and will require a small army of men to furnish logs and run it.

But the most pleasing news about this company to the people of this section is that they will soon begin to grade and extend their road on to Palatka and back to Ocala from Silver Springs. Mr. Rentz's proposition to the board of trade at Ocala is a good one and every business man in that town should take hold and do his best to have the road built.

It is said that the Fort McCoy Turpentine Company will change their present large commissary into living apartments and build another commissary near the railroad track, which will be much more convenient for their business. This company has shut down their plant indefinitely, waiting for prices for their products to get better.

Messrs. McQuaig and Taylor, contractors on the Harpe house, will soon complete this nice 12-room structure, when it can be said that Fort McCoy has an up-to-date boarding house, which will be quite convenient to travelers, as well as to workmen who are employed here at the mill and in other lines.

There is a movement on foot to organize a Woodmen of the World lodge here. Application was made to the Masonic lodge here for the use of their hall by the W. O. W. until they could build a hall for themselves, and we are glad to say that the request was granted, free of rent.

We regret to learn that the Bay Lake school house was destroyed by forest fires last week. This was a nice building, located a few miles north of here, in a progressive community.

Some little excitement was created here a few days ago when it was reported that the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin had run away with a young Mr. Higginbotham of Citra. Mr. Martin, the father of the girl, intercepted the pair at Citra and brought his daughter home.

Mr. McQuaig, the road man for this section, has been quite busy for several days building Mill Creek bridge, which was destroyed by forest fires some time ago.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Alex. McQuaig is slowly sinking under the ravages of cancer. He is now confined to his room at the home of his son, Mr. W. A. McQuaig. The old veteran is anxious that his friends call and see him, as he realizes that his days are few on earth.

The public school will close here next Wednesday. Mr. B. A. Hammons, the teacher, has made many friends here, and they regret to see him leave. He will attend college this year between terms.

Several families have recently moved to this place. Mr. Hamp Martin of Citra, Mr. Blackburn of Georgia, the sawyer for the big mill and Mr. Jones and wife of Anthony being among them.

Mrs. Marvin Carlton of Wilmington, N. C., has just left after visiting her father, Mr. W. A. McQuaig, near Eureka.

Mrs. H. B. Cannon of Valdosta, Ga., who has been so critically ill at the home of her father, J. W. Stevens, for several weeks, has recovered and will soon be able to return home with her babies, Louise and Lillian.

Mr. Robert Munroe, the naval stores man, who has so successfully conducted a turpentine still a few miles south of this place, has leased several crops of high boxes in this locality from Mr. Rentz, and has Mr. Ausley employed to "woods" for him.

Mr. J. W. Stevens recently butchered a bean-fattened beef that weighed over 500 pounds.

Mr. Hill, the young man employed to run the Rentz commissary, is making many friends here by his courteous and business-like ways.

With no disaster there will be a heavy peach crop throughout this section, judging from the abundant bloom.

Mr. Lloyd, the man who drilled the deep well for the Rentz Lumber Company, has left temporarily for Georgia. The well is nearly 600 feet deep and after they get sufficient steam power to pump the water up so it can be tested, if it does not suit them, Mr. Lloyd will return and drill deeper.

County Commissioner W. J. Crosby of Citra was through here Saturday inspecting bridges and roads, and we learn that he placed the roads here in charge of Mr. H. McQuaig.

One of Tiller, Harp & Co's. convicts made his escape last week and has not been captured. He was a trusty, and drove a team, broke down the wagon, tied the mules and skipped for parts unknown.

There is considerable complaint of the mail schedules, especially the S.

A. L. north bound train, as we do not get daily papers from Ocala until they are two days old, getting Ocala news in the Times-Union a day ahead of the Ocala papers.

The Masons here enjoyed a splendid meeting last Saturday evening, received one application for initiation and affiliated one brother, recently demitted from one of the Jacksonville lodges.

The Sunday school is still flourishing and seems to grow in interest. Quite a number of the young men employed in the new works here are taking an active part, and we hope that all the young people living near-by will come and help in the building up of this school, and thereby make it one of the banner Sunday schools of the county.

Mr. Henry McQuaig has been quite sick, but is recovering.

Farmers are now busy getting crops planted, and the voice of the plowman is heard in the land.

COMETH THE MERRY SPRING-TIME

There was wild and uncontrollable palpitation in the hearts of thousands of New York women last Friday. The biggest passenger steamer that "sails the deep blue sea" had dropped anchor at the Cunard pier and unloaded 29 American milliners who had gone abroad to find out what the proper fashions in spring hats would be. There are, of course, many more than 29 milliners who go abroad to get fashions for the fair sex, but because the Lusitania is the roomiest boat afloat it was conceded that more "perfect dreams" of hats could be loaded upon her. Hence the excitement over the landing of this particular vessel. Little questions of international diplomacy or the reorganization of congress take a seat way back in the rear when it comes to the first revelation of styles in women's spring bonnets. It was this revelation that the landing of the Lusitania prophesied, and it was for this that the womanhood of New York, Hoboken and Geethawkin, N. J., went into mental and sartorial spasms. In order that some echo of this riot of interest that foamed and surged around the pier of the Lusitania may penetrate to Pennsylvania, we risk a description of the "gem" of this new importation of female headgear.

Men are warned not to read it unless they have strong nerves and the most absolute confidence in their own mental soundness. It is intended for gentler readers who will no doubt grasp at a glance the entire architecture of the thing, and be able to see in their mind's eye how "perfectly glorious" it would look on a certain head in the church parade Easter Sunday. Here is the description:

The most interesting hat brought in on the vessel was that worn by Mrs. C. F. Higham of Norfolk, Va. She declared that there was no particular name for the design, which she said she had thought out herself. To the masculine observer the hat suggested an inverted bucket. The frame-work was of dark green straw, crossed with a delicate pink. About the hat and encircling it several times in spiral formation was a string of what appeared to be large jet beads. The brim came down mushroom-shape all about the wearer's head, covering her ears, but the backward tilt to the whole made it also cover the neck. Slightly on one side was a medallion.

Now, let loose the dogs of war; let the stock market go to pieces and congress revise the lining on tuotinko congress revise the lining out of the tariff. We have the real thing in new spring bonnets.—Pittsburg Gazette.

The "Circle Magazine" has had Mr. Lindsay Denison, a well known newspaper and magazine writer, to contribute an article for it, entitled: "Seven Years of Roosevelt." To know just how this article has been received, the impression it has made on the public conscience, it is offering a prize of \$100 for the best articles based upon any issue that may be raised in Mr. Denison's article appearing in any newspaper on its exchange list, distributed as follows: \$50 for first prize, \$25 for second prize, \$15 for third prize and \$10 for fourth prize. Now, you have the opportunity of praising or abusing the ex-president along any line raised by Mr. Denison, and get paid for doing so.

The collision between the two engines going at full speed and advertised so vigorously and enthusiastically in the Jacksonville newspapers, and which was to have taken place last Sunday, proved to be a very tame affair. There was no good in the world to have been accomplished by it anyway, and most people thought in advance that it was a "fake" pure and simple, and in the end these things do no good. Better adopt Marion county's methods, and when you have a fair have one. Let it be a fair pure and simple with no snide attractions.

Taft, at least, is undoing some things which his "illustrious predecessor" did, so let us give thanks.

MR. LIGHT TELLS OF THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY

Reddick, Fla., March 9, 1909.

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Some time ago the Ocala papers contained a piece telling of a proposed new county to be cut out of Marion and Levy counties. Last week I received a card with map and announcement, and recently a letter from a near-by representative asking my views on the proposed new county.

I have written the representative telling him why I was opposed to the new county about as follows:

Marion county's commissioners have instructed us to work and vote against the proposed new county.

I believe 90 per cent. of Marion county's tax payers are against it.

The card I received with map on one side and announcement on the other I believe is not correct and is misleading.

The announcement claims that the proposed new county would take but 3250 people from both Marion and Levy counties. The United Census report of 1900 says there are approximately 3000 people in Marion's side and 3500 people in Levy's side of the proposed new county.

The announcement claims that the proposed new county would have assessed valuation of \$1,570,000. We believe this is wrong, and that \$1,000,000 would be more than its true value, as that part of Marion and Levy is of less value than the average Marion county property.

It would take from Marion nearly one-eighth of its people, nearly one-eighth of its valuation and one-eighth of its territory.

It would take from Levy county about one-third of its area, about 40 per cent. of its people and about one-third of its valuation. To take 3500 people from Levy's \$602 would cripple Levy badly.

One part of the proposed new county is within 6 miles of Levy county's court house, and one part within 11 miles of Marion county's court house.

The proposed county seat of the new county would be Williston, within 6 miles of its northern boundary and would be about 40 miles from its extreme southwest corner.

The proposed new county taken from Marion would commence at the northwest corner of Marion county, running east to within 4 miles of Orange Lake, thence south to within 4 miles of Martin, thence west just enough to leave Blitchton postoffice in Marion county, thence south to point near the A. C. L., close to Levy, thence west and south to the Withlacoochee river, 3 miles west of Dunnellon, taking in all of Geiger, all of Flemington, most of Fairfield, half of Blitchton, part of Cotton Plant and all of Romeo.

There is a probability of trying to have the new county made by next legislature, and the interested parties are doing their very best to help their cause before the legislature meets.

I think it would be wise for the county officials and Ocala board of trade to get up a strong set of resolutions protesting against Marion losing part of her county and mail each of the senators and representatives a copy before the legislature meets. I believe delays on this matter will be hurtful.

Yours truly,
L. S. LIGHT.

THE FLAG MUST BE PROTECTED

The Minnesota legislature is about to pass a bill to "protect the national colors." The measure makes it a misdemeanor for a chorus girl to wear red, white and blue tights, and a violation of the law imposes a fine of \$500.

A special from Minneapolis says: "But what particularly gets the girls is a certain indefiniteness in the bill by which it is not made clear whether a poor girl may come on for one act with one red leg and one white leg and then reappear for the next act with a couple of blue legs. Also there is uncertainty as to whether three girls in a row, one with red, one with white and one with blue legs constitute a violation."

"Furthermore, can the spotlight with successive red, white and blue flashes send a whole platoon of girls to the penitentiary?"

"The choirsters are thinking of sending a lobby to the state house to obtain definitions. The barbers are also uneasy, wondering how the bill will affect the immemorial color scheme of their poles."

UNEQUALLED AS A CURE FOR CROUP

"Besides being an excellent remedy for colds and throat troubles, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is unequalled as a cure for croup," says Harry Wilson of Waynetown, Ind. When given as soon as the croupy cough appears, this remedy will prevent the attack. It is used successfully in many thousands of homes. For sale by all druggists.

The makers at Troy are trying to invent a Taft collar. It will be bigger than the Roosevelt brand and will not be so choky.

STILL AFTER HON. ALFRED

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Hello, Hon. Alfred! Here is * * * again. Have been out of town. Did not know you had come back at me.

Say, have you run down that carload of soda water yet, or are you still chasing it? Strange how gas from soda water will affect some people. It knocked Hon. Alfred out so bad that he has not been able to climb out of Ben's back yard yet. Or, it may be that he prefers playing in it, and sliding down his cellar door; but, look out for splinters as you slide.

Hon. Alfred says a "dispensary will put him out of a job." Wonder if it has ever occurred to him that some progressive office-seeker may do that anyway. Perhaps he has the Ocala dispensary job cinched; but I am going to put Ed Carmichael or G. D. Hogan in nomination against him for that place. Why not? Either one of them, yes, both of them, are good men, and are better qualified for the job by experience than Hon. Alfred.

Now, I wish to say in this connection that I do not aspire to the position. I am not in practice, and never have been. I have never sought an office, have never held one and don't want to.

Hon. Alfred said, while under the influence of that carload of soda water, "Let us unite (I thought when I got that far in his article that he was going to say 'in prayer') in sending men to congress who will do away with it (whiskey) entirely."

Now, Hon. Alfred, I want to make an amendment to your motion and put it thus: "Let us unite in sending men to congress who will not drink so much of it!" Who will second my motion? Won't you do it, Hon. Alfred?

Now, Hon. Alfred, you say you would "like to meet * * * on the stump." Some how the ideas of some men only reach stump high. Now, I have higher ideas and ideals than that; but then, I am not in politics. Let us, as a state, go into the whiskey business, (wish it would go into the grub business, if it would do it any cheaper than the local dealers) and establish headquarters at Tallahassee, and let the governor run it; then when we go to the capital we can go in and say: "Hello, Governor, give us a quart of your best!"

Hon. Alfred, don't you think we, as a state, should keep out of this business? I do. I think you will admit that when all is said and done that there is no argument in favor of whiskey from a moral point of view, and there is less argument from a financial standpoint. Your own figures will condemn you. The wealth of a county consists, or should consist, of what each individual is worth. Now, would not each individual be worth more if he had saved his annual spendings for whiskey?

Now, Hon. Alfred, time presses, for I have other matters to look after besides this unimportant controversy, but I want to ask you a question, one I hear argued every time I hear the question of prohibition mentioned, and it is a question of taxes. Every supporter of the whiskey cause claims that to do away with it taxes will be higher. Now, my question: How much lower are the taxes in Marion county than in Putnam, Levy, Alachua and Citrus counties. Answer this, like a good boy, and I will ask you some more questions.

Your friend,
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NEW YORK WORLD'S AIRSHIP PRIZE

The Hudson Fulton Celebration Commission, appointed by the governor of New York, has adopted as the principal event on its official program the airship race for the grand prize of \$10,000, offered by the New York World.

The commission, through the state department at Washington will extend official invitations to foreign governments to compete in this novel airship race.

The commission has announced that the "Fulton Flight" will take place on the same day as the naval parade on the Hudson, so that hundreds of thousands of spectators will witness the unique spectacle of a joint international naval and airship parade.

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If Mr. Bryan insists on a fourth nomination the democratic party may just as well, like the Israelites of old, hang their harps on the willows. But we do not seriously apprehend such a condition of affairs, and Mr. Bryan ought to be the one to "scout the idea" and put it forever at rest.

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The English newspapers say that Carrie Nation is very amusing to London people. They think she is very humorous—a kind of comedy.

More than twelve thousand people attended the tuberculosis exhibition in Pensacola during the three weeks of the demonstration.